



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 20, 2011

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.6
Soil moisture supplies: 7% very short, 17% short, 65% adequate and 11% surplus

Field Crops Report
Excellent weather conditions allowed producers to progress with field activities. Rice planting jumped to 22%, surpassing last year and the 5-year average. Corn planting increased to 33%, only 1 point behind this time last year. Sugarcane producers began off-baring and fertilizing the crop. Soybean producers applied herbicides in preparation for planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Producers continued spraying and harvesting strawberries. Citrus producers were finishing fertilization and scouting trees for insects. Vegetable producers were planting and working crops. Crawfish production continued, farmers began to pick up better yields.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Spring plowing continued with reports of ryegrass growing well due to warmer weather. Calving was in full swing, and cattlemen were fertilizing and spraying weeds in pastures throughout the week.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	51	37	34	45
Corn	Planted	33	7	34	41
Rice	Planted	22	7	9	6
Sorghum	Planted	4	0	0	1

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	1	11	47	31	10
Winter Wheat	0	1	22	67	10
Livestock	1	11	38	44	6
Vegetables	1	8	46	41	4
Pasture	2	16	43	35	4



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/14/11 TO 03/20/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	81	35	60	57	0.17	1.12	6.72	12.08
Minden	83	35	62	56	0.07	1.18	8.03	13.16
Mooringsport	82	37	63	MM	0.16	1.69	8.96	11.22
Shreveport South	83	37	63	MM	0.14	1.48	7.98	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	83	35	63	58	0.12	1.45	8.01	12.38
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	81	33	60	58	0.16	1.49	7.62	14.28
Homer/Hill Farm	83	32	61	56	0.12	1.56	9.37	13.34
Extreme/Average	83	32	61	58	0.14	1.56	MM.MM	14.19
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	81	39	61	56	0.52	3.25	12.43	15.00
LSU-St Joseph	80	39	60	59	0.37	5.47	15.76	15.30
LSU-Winnsboro	MM	MM	MM	57	0.33	4.56	12.78	14.60
Tallulah	81	39	60	58	0.25	5.20	14.01	15.10
Extreme/Average	81	39	61	58	0.39	3.25	12.43	14.96
4. West-Central								
Leesville	(84)	33	64	60	0.20	2.41	9.46	13.87
Ashland	83	(29)	60	57	0.14	1.86	9.66	13.98
Hodges Gardens	82	37	62	MM	0.45	1.35	9.95	13.89
Extreme/Average	84	29	62	59	0.26	2.14	9.56	13.61
5. Central								
Alexandria	82	41	64	60	0.20	3.50	9.32	14.69
Bunkie	81	41	63	60	0.72	3.07	9.03	15.00
LSU-Alexandria	79	41	60	59	0.54	4.09	9.63	14.30
New Roads 5 NE	MM	MM	MM	60	0.28	4.96	11.29	15.21
Extreme/Average	82	41	64	60	0.46	3.50	MM.MM	14.70
6. East-Central								
Slidell	78	48	64	61	0.00	2.81	8.56	15.37
Extreme/Average	78	48	64	61	0.00	MM.MM	MM.MM	15.48
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	82	41	64	60	1.35	3.90	9.01	14.40
Jennings	80	45	65	61	0.00	3.27	10.37	12.85
LSU-Crowley	79	46	64	61	0.11	1.78	9.07	13.23
Oberlin Fire Tow	81	42	64	62	1.10	2.73	8.33	14.86
Extreme/Average	82	41	64	62	0.40	2.59	9.26	12.88
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	82	45	64	61	0.00	2.04	7.58	13.72
LSU-Jeanerette	80	50	66	61	0.00	2.54	7.09	12.30
Morgan City	78	52	65	61	0.00	2.57	6.19	13.27
Lafayette	83	46	65	62	0.00	1.83	9.76	13.52
Extreme/Average	83	45	65	62	0.00	2.25	7.34	13.04
9. Southeast								
Galliano	79	50	65	63	0.00	3.84	10.73	14.06
NO Audubon Park	84	53	68	64	0.00	3.12	6.66	13.58
Extreme/Average	84	50	68	63	0.00	3.12	6.66	14.26
State Averages	84	29	64	60	0.22	2.58	8.84	13.52

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 20, 2011

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